

What is claimed is

1. (amended) A truck/trailer box sidewall, comprising:

a horizontally elongated bottom sidewall panel having a top edge, a bottom edge, inside and outside, vertical side skins, and a plurality of vertically spaced apart, horizontal webs interconnecting the side skins vertically between the top and bottom edges;

said side skins and said webs together defining a plurality of horizontally elongated inner spaces in said bottom sidewall panel, each said inner space being defined horizontally between the two side skins and vertically between two webs;

a horizontally elongated upper side rail extending laterally inwardly from the inside side skin of the sidewall panel at a location spaced above the bottom edge[,] ; [said side rail having a bottom surface that forms a nook with a lower side surface of the inside side skin that extends downwardly from the bottom surface of side rail; and]

a horizontally elongated lower side rail extending laterally inwardly from the inside side skin of the sidewall at a location adjacent the bottom edge, wherein the two side rails and the lower side surface of the inside side skin that extends downwardly from the upper side rail to the lower side rail form a channel shaped nook adapted to receive an end portion of transverse beams that are a part of a bottom for the truck/trailer box; and

wherein the top and bottom edges, the inside and outside vertical side skins, the horizontal webs and the side rail are all portions of a common extrusion.

4. (amended) The truck/trailer box sidewall of claim [4]1, wherein the [first mentioned] upper side rail has a concave upper surface.

5. (amended) The truck/trailer box sidewall of claim 2, wherein the side rails [is] are integral with the inside side skin of the bottom sidewall panel and project[s] laterally from the inside, vertical side skin.

13. (amended) A truck/trailer box, comprising:  
a pair of horizontally elongated bottom sidewall panels, each having a top edge, a bottom edge, inside and outside, vertical side skins, and a plurality of vertically spaced  
5 apart, horizontal webs interconnecting the side skins vertically between the top and bottom edges;

said side skins and said webs together defining a plurality of horizontally elongated inner spaces and each said bottom sidewall panel, each said inner space being defined  
10 horizontally between the two side skins and vertically between two webs;

each bottom sidewall panel including a horizontally elongated upper side rail extending laterally inwardly from the inside side skin of the sidewall at a location spaced  
15 above the bottom edge[,] [each said side rail having a bottom surface that forms a nook with a lower side surface of the inside side skin that extends downwardly from the bottom surface of the side rail; and]

each bottom sidewall panel also including a lower horizontally elongated side rail extending laterally inwardly from the inside side skin of the sidewall panel at a location spaced below the upper side rail, wherein the two side rails and the side portions of the sidewall panel extending between the side rails form inwardly opening longitudinal channels,  
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25 and end portions of the transverse bottom beams are received  
within said channels; and

a plurality of longitudinally spaced apart, transverse floor beams having opposite end portions that are situated in said nooks.

